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Eugene Bull  
Federal Election Commission  
General Counsel's Office  
999 East Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR-4389  
Debra LaPrade; Paul LaPrade

Dear Mr. Bull:

As you are aware from previous correspondence, I represent Debra and Paul LaPrade in the above-referenced matter before the Federal Election Commission. I understand that the LaPrades have until July 22, 1997 to respond to the Commission's factual and legal analysis.

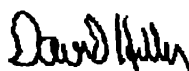
I am presently involved in the preparation of an opening brief in State v. Beach, CA-CR 97-0134 before the Arizona Court of Appeals. That brief is due July 21, 1997. As you can understand, I am in the process of reviewing numerous transcripts and researching various legal issues which are involved in the appellate process.

Because of the above, I have not been able to devote the time necessary to research the matters contained in the Commission's factual and legal analysis regarding the LaPrades and to prepare a response on their behalf. I am therefore requesting that the Commission afford me an additional 20 days from July 22, 1997 to file a response on behalf of Paul and Debra LaPrade in this matter.

If for any reason the Commission is unwilling to extend me an additional 20 days, please notify me immediately.

I thank you for your anticipated cooperation and look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Sincerely,



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